

[25th January 1928]

Mr. S. MUTTAYYA MUDALIYAR :—“ It being the duty of the Government to maintain irrigation channels in proper order, in making up for past neglect, ought they not to take into consideration the revenue aspect of the matter ? ”

The hon. Sir C. P. RAMASWAMI AYYAR :—“ If the propositions involved in the question are correct, the answer would be in the negative.”

Mr S. MUTTAYYA MUDALIYAR :—“ May I know whether it is not stated in the settlement report that the Government have made a default in regard to the irrigation works in the Tanjore district ? ”

The hon. Sir C. P. RAMASWAMI AYYAR :—“ Notice, Sir.”

*Estimates for improving the drainage of the Tiruturaipundi taluk.*

\* 1401 Q.—Mr. S. MUTTAYYA MUDALIYAR : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have received estimates for the improvements of the drainage of the Tiruturaipundi taluk and the upland drainage of the Vennar ;

(b) whether the financial aspect of the schemes has been discussed in the Cauvery Committee report and considered to be satisfactory ; and

(c) whether the Government will be pleased to order all these estimates to be sanctioned without further delay ?

A.—(a) The Government have not yet received estimates for improvement to the drainage in Tiruturaipundi taluk. As regards the upland drainage of the Vennar the third of the works referred to at the end of paragraph 105 of the Committee's report is in progress. Other estimates have not yet come to Government.

(b) The Committee dealt in general terms with the financial aspects of their proposals in paragraphs 199 and 200 of their report : but the Government have to consider the several proposals on their particular merits as they are sent up for approval by the Chief Engineer.

(c) Estimates are dealt with as they are received : as the hon. Member is aware a new circle has been formed for the purpose primarily of ensuring adequate progress in these improvements.

*Outlay on irrigation works in the Presidency.*

\* 1402 Q.—Mr. S. MUTTAYYA MUDALIYAR : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) what is the rate of maintenance charges per acre of irrigation works in the non-deltaic parts of the Presidency ;

(b) what is the return on the outlay on such irrigation works ;

(c) whether capital or revenue accounts are kept for such works ;

(d) what is the total amount spent on such irrigation works in each of the non-deltaic districts ; and

(e) what is the capital outlay on irrigation works in the deltaic tracts of Tanjore, Trichinopoly, Godavari and Kistna districts ?

A.—The hon. Member is referred to the statements appended to the annual irrigation administration reports

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*Improvements to the Raghavayyan and Malattur channels.*

\* 1403 Q.—Rao Bahadur K. SITARAMA REDDIYAR : With reference to the answer given to clauses (a), (b), (d) and (e) of question No. 1159 at the meeting of the Legislative Council held on 4th November 1927 regarding improvements to Raghavayyan and Malattur channels, will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to call for the information ?

A.—A report has been called for.

*Proposed construction of a dam across the Pennar river.*

\* 1404 Q.—Rao Bahadur K. SITARAMA REDDIYAR : With reference to the answer to clause (b) of question No. 1160 answered on 4th November 1927 regarding the proposed construction of a dam across the Pennar river, will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to call for the information ?

A.—A report has been called for.

*Supply of water to the irrigation channels.*

\* 1405 Q.—MR. C. RAMASOMAYAJULU : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that whenever for any reason the F.S.L. in the canals has to be reduced, orders are also issued for a corresponding reduction in the supply to irrigation channels ;

(b) whether it is a fact that the supply to the irrigation channels need not necessarily be reduced to secure a reduction in the F.S.L. in the canals ;

(c) whether it is a fact that the reduction in supply to the irrigation channels often results in injury to the cultivating ryots ; and

(d) whether the Government will be pleased to direct that the supply to irrigation channels be not reduced unless the same also is absolutely necessary ?

A.—A copy of the Superintending Engineer's report, a dated 6th January 1928, is placed on the table.

*Widening of the Yeleru bridge at Cocanada.*

\* 1406 Q.—MR. C. RAMASOMAYAJULU : With reference to the answer to question No. 229 answered on 26th August 1927 regarding the widening of the Yeleru bridge at Cocanada, will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have called for a report as stated in the answer to clause (c) of the above question ; and

(b) what action the Government have decided to take to avoid the submersion ?

A.—(a) Yes.

(b) The Superintending Engineer's report, a copy of which is appended b, shows that it would be useless to reconstruct the bridge, or widen the existing waterway under it.